

PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

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FORD Recall Leaves Public at Risk

The Merrimack Fire and Rescue Department Arson Investigation has attributed at least five (5) vehicle fires to the possible malfunction of the cruise control switch in Merrimack.

Ford Motor Co. announced the recall of an additional 3.6 million passenger cars, trucks, sport-utility vehicles and vans to fix a cruise-control switch that has been linked to at least 1,100 engine fires and prompted five previous recalls beginning in January 2005. The recall includes 177,000 vehicles in Mexico, Canada and Europe. The company has cumulatively recalled almost 10.3 million vehicles but still leaves 5.7 million vehicles at risk.

RECALLED VEHICLES

If you own one of these vehicles, you should take it to your [Ford dealership](#) to have the cruise control switch replaced. If replacement is not available, have the switch disconnected.

1992-1997 Crown Victoria

1992-1993 E150-350 van

1997-2002 E150-350 van

1996-2002 E450 van

1994-1996 Econoline van

2000-2002 Excursion

1997-2002 Expedition

1998-2001 Explorer

2001-2002 Explorer Sport

2001-2002 Explorer Sport Trac

1993-1996 Bronco

1994-2002 F150

2003-2004 F150 Lightning

1994-2002 F250

1994-2002 F350

1994-2002 F450

1995-2002 F53 motor homes

1994-2002 F550

1993 Ford F-Series pickups

2001 F-Series SuperCrew

2002 Lincoln Blackwood

1993-1998 Lincoln Mark VIII

1998-2002 Lincoln Navigator

1992-1997 Lincoln Town Car

1994 Mercury Capri

1992-1997 Mercury Grand Marquis

1998-2001 Mercury Mountaineer

1998-2002 Ranger

1993-1995 Taurus SHO

If you have a vehicle on the posted list:

DO NOT PARK THE VEHICLE IN YOUR GARAGE OR NEXT TO YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

Contact the manufacturer to have the recall disconnected and then replaced

If you have been involved in a cruise control switch fire:

Do not move the vehicle.

Contact the Merrimack Fire and Rescue Department immediately.

Compile a list of witnesses.

Photograph the entire fire scene.

If the vehicle must be moved, gather all remaining debris in a plastic or paper bag. The

**deactivation switch will generally fall through the framework or to the ground below.
Instruct the tow company that the vehicle is of value and part of an investigation.**